

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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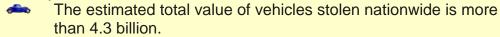
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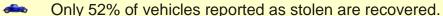
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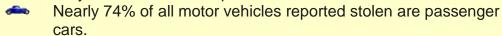


Tips on How to Prevent Vehicle Thefts

What you should know about vehicle thefts;







In the United States, a motor vehicle is stolen every 44 seconds.

More than half of thefts occur in areas where vehicles are parked without attendants.

Nearly half of the thefts are due to driver error like leaving keys in the ignition or leaving doors unlocked.

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Maple Valley Police has FREE steering wheel locking devices. If your vehicle model is 1999 or older please call 425-413-5158.

- Whether you leave your car for a moment or for several hours always lock it and take the keys with you.
- NEVER leave your vehicle with the engine running.
- Keep the car and house keys on separate rings.
- Never hide an extra key under the hood or underneath the car.
- Never have an identification tag on your car key ring.

Discourage thieves by purchasing special locks, alarms, or fuel-cutoff switches;

- Consider purchasing smooth, non-flared locking buttons for your doors.
- Hood locks are available for vehicles with hoods that can be opened from the outside.
- Alarm systems can be installed on your vehicle. They can be wired to go off if any door, hood or trunk is opened.
- Fuel and electrical cutoff switches can be installed to shut off fuel to a vehicle engine shortly after starting if the vehicle is stolen.
- Hidden switches can be wired to prevent starting a car with a stolen key.



City Wide Crime Statistics: Monthly Comparison

Crime	November 2013	December 2013	January 2014
Residential burglary	2	4	3
Larceny from vehicle	9	12	5
Auto Theft	3	4	1

Residential Burglary Statistics for January 2014

Location	Approx	Day of	Details
	Time	the	
		Week	
20800 block SE 272 nd St	6:30pm	Saturday	Forced entry to front door, interrupted by homeowner.
			Male suspect 6' (no other descriptors) left in dark colored
			pickup. Suspect took cash from residence.
24000 block SE 260th St	Unknown	Unknown	Forced entry into RV, unknown method. Unknown
			suspect took automotive repair equipment.
27200 block 212th Ave SE	Unknown	Unknown	Non forced entry into unlocked detached garage.
			Unknown suspect took several tools and personal items.

To locate crime activities in your neighborhood please visit our website; www.maplevalleywa.gov/police-reports

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Text MVPolice or 98038 to 888777 and receive realtime alerts and advisories directly from your local police department.

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